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PATENT
0171-0801P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: **Masanobu NISHIMINE et al.** Conf.: **9766**

Appl. No.: **10/000,340** Group: **1754**

Filed: **December 4, 2001** Examiner: **N. NGUYEN**

For: **PARTICULATE SILICA AND ITS PREPARATION**

LARGE ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM
FOR REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 30, 2004

Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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In reply to the Office Action dated July 1, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks.